

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Legislative findings and intent. The General
5 Assembly finds that individuals with developmental or mental
6 disabilities may sometimes have a difficult time
7 communicating. This can be especially true in high stress
8 situations, such as, but not limited to, interacting with
9 criminal justice professionals. It is the intent of the General
10 Assembly to provide a solution to de-escalate these situations
11 by providing a way for individuals with disabilities to help
12 inform or notify criminal justice professionals of the
13 individual's disability.

14 Section 5. The Illinois Identification Card Act is amended
15 by adding Section 4A-1 as follows:

16 (15 ILCS 335/4A-1 new)

17 Sec. 4A-1. Person with a disability wallet card.

18 (a) Upon approval of an applicant's Illinois Person with a
19 Disability Identification Card, the Secretary of State shall
20 inform the applicant of the availability of a Person with a
21 Disability Wallet Card that specifies that the cardholder has
22 been medically diagnosed with a disability, and shall provide

1 that Wallet Card upon the applicant's request. This Wallet Card
2 may only be available to applicants with a Type Two or Type
3 Five Disability as defined in Section 4A of this Act.

4 (b) The Department of Human Services shall design the
5 Wallet Card in consultation with the Secretary of State, after
6 which, the Department of Human Services shall produce and
7 distribute the cards to the Secretary of State.

8 (c) The Secretary of State shall work with the Department
9 of Human Services to adopt rules in the administration of the
10 Wallet Card.